

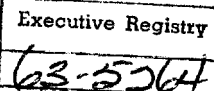


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Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The following information is provided for clarification and guidance on the dissemination and classification of secure television (civision) information. The National Security Agency considers it in the national interest to minimize the dissemination of information on the actual and potential secure television capability of the United States Government to the extent that it is practicable to do so. To achieve this objective, this Agency suggests the following classification guidelines with regard to civision:

a. The fact that the U.S. has a civision capability, or any item which would tend to indicate such a capability without revealing cryptographic or transmission characteristics of the equipment involved, is unclassified. It should, however, be considered as "For Official Use Only" information and any unauthorized disclosure of such information to the public at large or to foreign government officials is discouraged.

b. The operational applications and information on the availability of U.S. television security equipments are classified CONFIDENTIAL as a minimum. The classification may be higher, depending on the specific application involved.

c. Information pertaining to the input-output signal characteristics of an equipment, when the type of service (i.e., secure television) or specific equipment involved is in no way identified, is unclassified. However, it is considered to be in the best interests of the government to limit the dissemination of this information to the maximum practical extent consistent with operational requirements. When the specific equipment is identified, the input-output or other operating characteristics are normally assigned the same classification as the equipment.

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d. Cryptologic or cryptanalytic information on any division equipment is always classified without exception. The particular classification assigned is the same as that of the equipment involved, and may be higher, depending on the substantive content of the information.

Sincerely,



Assistant Director, NSA  
for  
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